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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to review of the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 54, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The simplest and most straightforward immunoadhesin design combines the binding region(s) of the 'adhesin' protein with the hinge and Fc regions of an immunoglobulin heavy chain. Ordinarily, when preparing the NRG3-immunoglobulin chimeras of the present invention, nucleic acid encoding an amino acid sequence of the desired NRG3 polypeptide will be fused at the C-terminus

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